of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police (GRP). The Railway administration and RPF assist the Government Railway Police for better security of passengers. Where offences under section 164 of Railway Act (unlawfully bringing dangerous goods on a Railway) are noticed, the offenders are apprehended and produced before the Magistrates or handed over to the GRP for necessary action. RPF independently does not conduct luggage checks at railway stations.

Mobile bookstall-cum-library

3278. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobile bookstall-cum-library on the long distance trains is an important passenger amenity as indicated in the letter No. 75TGIII/461/37ML, dated 21st November, 1978;

(b) whether it is a fact that one IInd class card pass with one IInd class berth in each rake of long distance trains is being provided to a contractor of mobile bookstall-cum-library; and

(c) whether the mobile bookstall-cum-library is only to be awarded to the unemployed graduate categories as per the letter No. 77TGIII/461/31, dated 6th Februrary, 1978?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) The facility of Mobile Bookstall-cum-Library had been made available on a few long distance trains historically. It had also been decided to give the facility of free second class passes to the mobile libraries-cum-bookstall holders. After a review in 1986, it was decided that the facility of mobile bookstall-cum-library should not be further introduced due to poor patronage from passengers.

EMUs in Delhi

3279. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special trains on the Delhi Circular Railway are run for limited period both in the morning and evening mainly to cater to the needs of office goers, unlike Mumbai, where EMUs run for most part of the day; and

(b) if so, whether Railways are considering to extend the operations on Delhi Circular Railway on the pattern of local trains in Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recruitment of staff in RPF

3280. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to recruit personnel for the purpose of cleaning up the passenger trains and for improving the safety records of the Railways and to increase the staff of Railway Protection Force;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the budget allocation for this purpose;

(d) the details of staff that would be recruited from Rajasthan; and

(e) by when the whole process of recruitment would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mechanism to run Trains in fog

3281. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3837 given in Rajya Sabha on 25th April, 2003 and state:

(a) whether RDSO and Safety Commissioner have received the details of the mechanism in July, 2003, which has been indigenously developed;

(b) if so, the steps taken by RDSO to test run the mechanism and to call upon the inventor for further clarifications and explanation of diagram;

(c) in view of the crores of rupees being spent on safety measures, the reasons for delay being done by RDSO to get the mechanism installed at the earliest to avoid any untoward incident in future; and